OVERALL STATUS OF THE BROAD STREET PARKWAY PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL RE-EVALUATION

The Environmental Re-Evaluation (an update of environmental documentation to reflect the City's preferred alternative) has been submitted to FHWA for review. The review period is complete and comments received. Steps to complete this effort include:

- Edit the document to address requests for clarification of several aspects of the project related to impacts to historic and cultural resources.
- Prepare of a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Nashua, New Hampshire Department of Historic Resources (NHDHR), New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) defining steps to be taken to mitigate impacts to historic resources.

A draft of this agreement has been prepared. A coordination meeting was held on August 5, 2010. In attendance were representatives of the City of Nashua, NHDOT, NHDHR, FHWA, NRPC, HSI and VHB.

Comments received on the draft document are under review.

FHWA to issue a Record of Decision.

IMPORTANCE OF THE RECORD OF DECISION

With the release of the Record of Decision, federal funding earmarked for the project will be available.

EARLY PRIORITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION

- Plans are being developed for demolition of the Boiler House in the Millyard. This project includes the removal of a significant amount of asbestos from within the building, as well as several fuel oil tanks. It is anticipated that following the permitting process, work will begin in late 2010.
- After demolition of the Boiler House, the Millyard Chimney will be rehabilitated (Spring 2011). This work will include repointing joints and removal of some deteriorated material. Engineering review of the chimney must be completed prior to the start of work.
- At this time it is anticipated that the first roadway construction will include improvements at Pine Street and Palm Street. This work is anticipated to begin in Spring 2011. Engineering design work needs to get underway soon.

STATUS OF THE PROJECT DESIGN

Following issuance of the Record of Decision, the City of Nashua will undertake a process to select the Final Design Team. To date, the alignment of the Parkway has been designed only to the extent where impacts to various environmental resources could be identified.

Significant work remains:

- Drainage systems and provisions for stormwater management must be designed and permitted.
- Bridge designs must be prepared including detailing of all components.
- Opportunities to use Design/Build contracting will be evaluated.
- Final design of the tie-in of the new Parkway to existing roadways and features is needed. Notably this includes tie-in to the existing access roadways in the Millyard.
- Geotechnical studies are needed for final design of pavement, bridge and wall structures.
- Design of the various elements is required to address environmental impacts as described in the Environmental Re-Evaluation Study.
- Final design of roadside slopes is needed to finalize the extent of property that must be acquired.
- Signalization and traffic design is needed.
- Bid documents for various contracts must be prepared.

STATUS OF THE RIGHT OF WAY AQUISITION

Property needed for the project includes parcels that are needed in entirety, as well as parcels where only a portion of the property is needed.

Most of the full parcel acquisition has been completed. Many partial acquisitions cannot commence until further design development occurs.

Generally, the intention has been to wait until the Record of Decision is issued before continuing property acquisition in order to be able to use earmarked federal funding.

A summary of parcels where full or partial takings are required has been attached. A listing of parcels where a partial taking may be needed has also been included.

NHDOT is in the process of contracting with an appraiser to perform appraisals of primary acquisitions.

OVERALL PROJECT BUDGET

Following completion of the 2007 Cost Reduction Study an analysis of available federal funding was compared with anticipated project costs.

Of approximately \$44.7 million dollars total federal funds earmarked for the Parkway, \$14.2 million was reported spent to date on the project. The total remaining of earmarked federal funds was \$30.5 million dollars.

Cost projections prepared during the Cost Reduction Study led to the conclusion that the cost to complete the project would be \$68.1 million.

Following this analysis, the upper limit of potential City expenditures to complete this project (the difference between cost to complete and available federal funding) was estimated to be \$37.6 million dollars.

Recently, NHDOT was requested to update their report of expenditures to date. Costs continue to be incurred due to their management of previously acquired property. Up to date cost information is expected from NHDOT by August 26, 2010.

BOILER HOUSE BACKGROUND

Demolition of the Boiler House has been an integral aspect of the Parkway project since before preparation of the original 1997 Environmental Impact Statement.

The original four-lane concept, as well as both options for the two-lane concepts called for demolition of this building.

The New Hampshire Department of Historic Resources has reviewed and concurred with the need to demolish this building as part of the project.

Mitigation for this impact will be a survey of the structure and creation of a record of this historic resource.

It is noted that this building is in severely deteriorated condition. There is a significant amount of asbestos containing material inside. There is also the presence of sand that has been contaminated in the past by leaking oil storage tanks. The demolition of this building will include provisions for mitigation of these materials.

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

There are several aspects of the project related to right-of-way acquisition for which the extent of unknown information leads to uncertainty with respect to the budget and schedule:

Until appraisals of property values and relocation costs are prepared, the total cost of right-of-way acquisition is uncertain.

The current budget is based on NHDOT information carried forward from 2003.

ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

There are several aspects of subsurface contamination for which there are uncertainties with respect to budget and schedule.

This includes subsurface contamination within the Millyard as well as buried asbestos containing material at several locations within the project area.

Following issuance of the Record of Decision by FHWA will make federal funds available to perform analysis to better define the implications of this concern.

STOREHOUSE NUMBER 2

Storehouse Number 2 will be partially demolished as part of the project. Until further design development is completed, there are uncertainties regarding the cost of the rehabilitation of the remainder of the structure.

WASTE HOUSE RELOCATION

An initial feasibility study has been performed related to the proposed relocation of the Waste House; feasibility of the move and potential use of the building.

UTILITY AND RAILROAD COORDINATION

This project includes significant impact to utility and railroad facilities within the project area. Efforts to update previous coordination by NHDOT (performed in 1999 to 2002) have been initiated. Coordination efforts will intensify following the issuance of the Record of Decision.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Since June 2007 there have been eight public meetings that focused on progress of the Parkway Supplementary Analysis; the Cost Reduction Study; and the ongoing Environmental Re-Evaluation.

These meetings are summarized in a memorandum prepared by Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC). A copy of this memorandum is attached.

In addition, Mayor Lozeau and Project Manager John Vancor attended the Aldermanic Infrastructure Committee meeting on March 10, 2010 to discuss the acquisition of 40 Pine Street for the project.

Leon Kenison, P.E., Director of Public Works and Stephen Dookran, P.E., City Engineer attended the Aldermanic Infrastructure meeting on May 12, 2010 and discussed several aspects of the project.

The Parkway project has also been discussed at several meetings of the Board of Public Works.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

During the August 2, 2010 Public Information Meeting, several attendees requested copies of information.

An August 18, 2010 memorandum prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., (consultant to Nashua Regional Planning Commission) summarized the information requested and transmitted. A copy of this memorandum is attached.

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Memorandum

Date: August 12, 2010

To: Leon Kenison, Director, Nashua Department of Public Works

From: Tim Roache, Assistant Director,

Re: Broad Street Parkway Public Workshop Summary

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) has been under contract with the City of Nashua since February of 2007 to support the development of a supplemental study of Broad Street Parkway Project, including a cost reduction analysis and written environmental re-evaluation as required under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Throughout this process NRPC has organized and held several public information workshops to keep residents, stakeholders and other interested parties up to date on the status of the project. The dates and location of these workshops are summarized in the table below.

Public Workshop Summary

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June 18, 2007	Workshop	Exit 6 Welcome Center	City/NRPC	40
June 27, 2007	Business Seminar	Millyard Tech Park	City/NRPC	51
August 2, 2007	Neighborhood	Parish Nurse Center for	City/NRPC	23
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August 19, 2010

Charlotte Howard 37 Watson Street Nashua, NH 03064

Re: <u>Broad Street Parkway materials request</u>

Dear Ms. Howard,

Enclosed are reduced scale copies of the cultural resource presentations boards you requested at the August 2, 2010 Broad Street Parkway Public Workshop. Thank you for your participation and interest in the project.

Sincerely,

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tim Roache, Assistant Director

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August 19, 2010

Sonny Berube 1 Pine Street Ext. Nashua, NH 03060

Re: <u>Broad Street Parkway Material Request</u>

Dear Mr. Berube,

Enclosed are 2 copies of the Nashua Manufacturing Company Historic District Form you requested at the August 2, 2010 Broad Street Parkway Public Workshop. Thank you for your participation and interest in the project.

Sincerely,

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tim Roache, Assistant Director

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August 19, 2010

Alderman Barbara Pressly 11 Orchard Avenue Nashua, NH 03060

Re: <u>Broad Street Parkway materials request</u>

Dear Alderman Pressly,

Enclosed is the information you requested at the August 2, 2010 Broad Street Parkway Public Workshop. This package includes:

- 1 copy of all environmental display boards presented at the workshop
- 1 copy of section 2.7, section 3, section 4.4 from the Section 4(f) portion of the Environmental Re-evaluation
- 1 copy of the Nashua Manufacturing Company Historic District Form

Thank you for your participation and interest in the project

Sincerely,

NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Tim Roache

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August 18, 2010

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Mr. Tim Roache Assistant Director Nashua Regional Planning Commission 9 Executive Park Drive, Suite 201 Merrimack, NH 03054

Re:

Broad Street Parkway

Response to Public Request for Additional Information

Dear Tim,

At the recent (August 2, 2010) Public Information Meeting, several attendees requested additional information. The follow summarizes VHB's response:

- Ruth Sciortino, owner of 12-14 Baldwin Street, requested a copy of Figure 3.4-3 [of the draft Environmental Re-evaluation Report] which depicts historic impacts to Baldwin Street. This graphic was e-mailed to her on 8-03-10.
- Mary Curren, 3 Baldwin Street, requested a copy of the Baldwin Street / Fairmount Street Historic District Form. A copy of the district form was provided to her at the public information meeting (8-02-10).
- Charlotte Howard, 37 Watson Street, requested reduced scale copies of the summary cultural resource presentation boards. Those boards are enclosed for distribution.
- Peter Wasluk, 156 Amherst Street, requested copies of the historic inventory forms for 73 and 75 Broad Street. A copy of the 73 Broad Street form was provided to him at the public informational meeting and the 75 Broad Street form was e-mailed to him on 8-03-10. Copies of both 73 and 75 Broad Street inventory forms are enclosed for your information.
- Margaret Gleneck, 34 Tampa Street, requested a copy of the historic inventory form prepared for 28 Fairmount Street. A copy of the form was e-mailed to her on 8-03-10. A copy is included for your information.
- Alderman Pressley requested copies of the presentation boards summarizing the cultural
 resource information and other relevant cultural resource information. Copies of the
 summary boards and cultural resource related sections of the May 3, 2010 draft
 Environmental Re-evaluation Report (including graphics) are enclosed for distribution. Also
 enclosed for her is a copy of the Nashua Manufacturing Company Historic District Reevaluation.



Mr. Tim Roache Project No.: 52052.00 August 18, 2010 Page 2

> Sonny Berube, Ultima Nimco, requested two copies of the re-evaluation form prepared for the Nashua Manufacturing Historic District. The two copies are enclosed for distribution.

Under separate and previous transmittal, you received a copy of the travel time comparison requested by Kagan Weeks for peak hour travel between Exit 6 and the Main Street bridge under both BSP build and no-build traffic conditions. As discussed, you will transmit this information to Mr. Weeks.

Should you have any questions related to either the request or information provided, please don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.

Francis S. O'Callaghan, P.E. Executive Vice President

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